

Rachel Donelson Jackson to Andrew Jackson, February 28, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

MRS. JACKSON TO JACKSON.¹

¹ This letter is badly mutilated, but so few of Mrs. Jackson's letters are preserved that the editor does not feel that it should be omitted.

February 28, 1813.

My Dear , I received your affectionat Letter of The 15 of this instant it was a weelcom mesenger to me it bore the tideings I so often implored Divine Mercy to grant. I was sorry to find you had receivd no Letter from me. I sent one by mail Erly in this month. I hope you will git it. I have nothing meturiel to write and a vollume Cold not Containe all my Chat. I Could Entertain you with it an [age] what a Vacuum is in my soul you are absent [*mut.*] The fullness thereof Cannot make me happy [*mut.*] are malencholenly my restless and hope thou [*mut.*] keeps me alive it supports me that I [*mut.*] I have our Little andrew he is [*mut.*] Does not Look Like when you [*mut.*] is not going on as will as I Could [*mut.*] [Dunwo]dey² is not an industerous m[an] [*mut.*] one stroke himselfe But if he [*mut.*] Shall be glad [the ne]gros are [*mut.*] or all a Live we have Lost man [*mut.*] the Looks well Dunwoda is m [*mut.*] Colo Winns—this has been the [*mut.*] I Ever saw and the most unhappy of all [*mut.*] you. have Been absent monthes at a tim you [alw]-ays tell when you would be at home but now i[*mut.*]

the Lord is with you he will take Care of you [*mut.*] Stockley has Disapointed me sever'al times he has Been starteing this three weeks you named in your Last that you Did not know whither I had received or not all your Letters one from the mouth of this river I got

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and this of the 15th—nothing on Erth Can give me aney pleasure now But your Letters.
I reade them with the tanderness and affection not to be expresst with my pen as often
as you find a Leasure moment from Every Public business spend that with me as often
as I [*mut.*] am present with you—if the almighty [*mut.*] [take]s Care of the good and
virtuous you will be [in hi]s Care may his Choyest blessings forever on [you] keep protect
be your Counciler be your [*mut.*] [in] time of dainger send a kind gardian angel [to guar]d
your sleepeing hours if my prayers [and] my tears Can avail you will be well [*mut.*] Every
blessing attend you untill [*mut.*]th your present farwell My Dear [*mut.*] your affectionate
wife untill death [*mut.*] A J

Rachel Jackson 3

2 Overseer at the Hermitage.

3 The letter has a postscript, but it is so badly mutilated that it is illegible.